

**MICHIGAN CITY PORT AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

July 21, 2025

The regular meeting of the Michigan City Port Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Socrates Gray in the Port Authority board room.

ATTENDANCE

President Socrates Gray presided. Board members in attendance included Chris Cipares, Sam Ferguson, John Haynes, Bruce Manner, Dan Messina and Kim Sliwa. Harbormaster Tim Frame, Assistant Harbormaster Mary Ann Pawlicke and Attorney Joe Zaknoen were also in attendance for the meeting.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

There were no guests at this meeting.

MINUTES

- Motion by Kim Sliwa, seconded by Bruce Manner to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2025 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- There were no comments from the public at this time.

REPORT FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame reported on the following:

- Weekly pump outs are occurring on either Tuesdays or Wednesdays.
- Marina staff continues to address work orders as they are submitted.
- Sign on the Franklin Street bridge to be refurbished.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Mary Ann Pawlicke reported the following:

- Office staff continues to take phone calls from boaters looking to rent slips for the upcoming Boat races.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Financial Oversight Committee

- Sam Ferguson reviewed the Claims Docket prepared for July 21, 2025.

Port Authority	\$	\$108,556.37
Capital	\$	0.00
Total	\$	\$108,556.37

- Motion by Sam Ferguson, seconded by Dan Messina to pay all bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Claims and Insurance Committee

- There was no report from the committee at this time.

Port Operations & Personnel & Marina Policy

- Socrates Gray reported maintenance is being done on the hoist at Trail Creek Marina. This necessary project will come with a significant cost.

Boater Communications and Special Events Committee

- Dan Messina reported that the perch fishing activity has increased. Salmon fishing is still good outside of the harbor in the 80 to 90 foot deep water.

Master Planning and Special Projects Committee

- There was no report from the committee at this time

Advertising and Public Relations Committee

- Chris Cipares reported that he attended the Singing Sands Festival Friday night event and noted that it was exceptionally well organized.

REPORT FROM THE ATTORNEY

- Attorney Zaknoen reported that the Yacht Club Commissioned survey has been filed with the LaPorte County Surveyor's office. The City is currently reviewing the filing and will initiate an appeal if warranted
- An email was sent to the LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau regarding the deadline of submitting the needed documentation for the Grand Prix Boat Race Licensing agreement. Recommendation to change the following statements were presented:
 - Change the 2025 deadline from 30 days prior to the event to 7 days. The MC Parks and Recreation Department has historically provided information as the documents become available. It was noted that all documents have been presented except for the Emergency Plan which needs to be finalized with the Police and Fire Departments.
 - Removed the requirement to obtain an Amusement Entertainment License not needed for the event.
 - Removed termination clause that if the MCPA determines some nuisance occurs in the operation of the licensing event.
 - Motion by John Haynes, seconded by Sam Ferguson to approve the recommended changes to the Grand Prix Boat Race Licensing Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.
- A review of the Pavillion structure has raised concern about the condition of the unevenness of the floor. Harbormaster will seek vendors to provide suggestions on method of repairs for the board to review. A complete review of the structure including a review of the Electrical system to also be arranged prior to the structure being rented to outside parties. Report of maintenance items to be addressed will be emailed to Board members for consideration at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was no new business to be discussed

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- No comments from the public at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by John Haynes, seconded by Kim Sliwa to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

Accepted by:


Tim Frame, Harbormaster

Respectfully submitted,


Dan Messina, Board Secretary

Approved On:

8-14-2025

By:


Socrates Gray, Board President